

**Minutes of the 78<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun held on December 03, 2024 at 11:00 hrs. in Board room of the University through blended mode.**

**Present:**

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh (Vice-Chancellor)	Chairperson
Prof. (Dr.) A. V. Narsimha Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. T S Ramakrishna Rao	Member (through video conferencing)
Dr. K L Narayana	Member (through video conferencing)
Mr. Cheedi Srinivas	Member (through video conferencing)
Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Chandola	Member
Dr. Ramesh Chand Ramola (Registrar)	Member Secretary

**Invitees:**

Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kumar Singh (Director, IQAC)	
Prof. (Dr.) Alka N. Chaudhary (Principal, ISPS)	
Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Associate Dean, ITS)	
Dr. Rishi Dwesar (Dean, IBS)	
Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta (Research Coordinator, IUD)	
Mr. G. F. Chakravarthi (CoE)	
Mr. Amit Kumar Bera, (Deputy Director, IQAC)	
Mr. Srikanth Pothuri (Vice Precedent, Marketing)	(Through video conferencing)

The Chairman informed the Board that Dr. P. Venkateswarlu, Dr. A. V. Narsimha Rao and Prof. Biplab Halder nominees of the Sponsor on the Board of Management retired upon completion of their term on November 10, 2024. The Board placed on record its deep appreciation for their valuable services and contributions during their tenure. The Chairman, Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh on behalf of the Board of Management, welcomed all the re-nominated and newly nominated members.

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, presided over the meeting and the following items of meeting were presented:

**78.01 Grant of leave of absence, if any**

The Principal Secretary of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand and Dr. Meena Bhandari could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence.

**78.02 Retirement of Members and Welcome to the New Members**

The Chairman informed the Board that the following nominees of the Sponsor on the Board of Management retired upon completion of their term on November 10, 2024:

1. Dr. P. Venkateswarlu
2. Dr. A. V. Narsimha Rao
3. Prof. Biplab Halder

The Board placed on record its deep appreciation for their valuable services and contributions during their tenure.

As per Section 22(1) (c) of the Act, the Sponsor has re-nominated Dr. A. V. Narsimha Rao for a further term of three years, effective from November 11, 2024. Additionally, the Sponsor has nominated Dr. K. L. Narayana, Director, Faculty of Science & Technology, IFHE, and Mr. Cheedi Srinivas, Director, Corporate Relations, IFHE, in place of Dr. P. Venkateswarlu and

Prof. Biplab Halder, for a term of three years, effective from November 11, 2024.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Management, welcomed all the re-nominated and newly nominated members to the Board.

#### **78.03 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on August 12, 2024, were confirmed and approved by the Board.

#### **78.04 Follow up Action on the Minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

The follow-up actions taken on the minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> Board of Management were presented and noted.

#### **78.05 Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council**

The minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council of The ICFAI University, Dehradun, held on October 23, 2024, were noted.

#### **78.06 Review of Operations**

##### **i) Webinars /Guest Lecture/ Workshop Conducted**

The Board reviewed and noted the webinars, guest lectures, and workshops conducted by the different schools of the University.

##### **ii) Details of Research Publications by Faculty Members/Research Scholars**

The research publication data was presented, and the Board congratulated the faculty for their contributions, including research articles, patents/Design/ Copyright, and books. The Board members suggested that efforts be made to increase research publications and to actively focus on securing research grants on or before March 2025, in view of the upcoming accreditation process.

##### **iii) Faculty Achievements/Recognition**

The Board appreciated the faculty's diverse achievements/Recognition, including acting as Session Chairs, receiving awards, guest speakers and academic expert.

##### **iv) Student Achievements**

The student achievements were presented and noted. The Board congratulates the students and mentors.

##### **v) Student Activities**

The student activities were presented and noted.

#### **78.07 Faculty Profile**

The Board noted the presented school-wise faculty profiles. The University is actively engaged in ongoing efforts to enhance the faculty cadre ratio, demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence. The Board members recommended that each department prioritize and support their faculty members currently pursuing Ph.D. programs, ensuring timely completion, preferably before the upcoming accreditation process, if feasible.

#### **78.08 Status of Ph.D. Students**

The Research Coordinator informed the Board about the school-wise status of Ph.D. scholars (Full-Time/Part-Time) and provided phase-wise details of the scholars.

#### **78.09 Status of Placements (AY 2024-25)**

The Chairperson informed the Board that the placement drive for the academic year 2024-25 is currently ongoing. He further shared the placement status achieved so far: IBS at 41.5%, ITS at

34.5%, and IEd.S. at 18%. The placement drive for the Law School is scheduled to begin from December 2025 onwards.

#### **78.10 Admission Status for the Academic Year 2024-25**

The Vice President, Marketing briefed the Board on the admission status for the academic year 2024-25.

#### **78.11 University Rankings by External Agencies**

The Board appreciated the University for receiving rankings from various external agencies in the field of Engineering, Law, Management and overall categories.

#### **78.12 Convocation 2024**

The ICFAI University, Dehradun, celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> Convocation on November 08, 2024, in a grand ceremony attended by distinguished guests, faculty members, and graduating students. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) Uday B. Desai, Hon'ble Chancellor of the University, as the Chief Guest, along with Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh Chand Ramola, Registrar, and all Deans. The Board members extended their heartfelt congratulations to all the graduates and the University for the successful event.

#### **78.13 Research Activities**

The Research Coordinator informed the Board about the school-wise status of research activities conducted by the Research Cell, including Thesis Proposal Seminars, Progress Seminars, Pre-Ph.D. Seminars, Thesis Submissions, and Final Viva-Voce. The Board members extended their best wishes for the ongoing research initiatives.

#### **78.14 Compliance Report**

The Board received and noted the Compliance Report for the period ending October 31, 2024.

#### **78.15 Any other item with the Permission of the Chair**

- i) The Board members suggested that the University ensure the ICFAI Law School constitutes a separate Grievance Redressal Cell for Law students, in accordance with the directions provided by the Bar Council of India (BCI).

#### **78.16 Date for the Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting of the Board of Management would be fixed in consultation with the Chairperson.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prof. (Dr.) Ram Karan Singh  
Chairperson